

**FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**BLACKSTONE GAS COMPANY
D.T.E. 04-1**

Question:

DTE-1-LDC-1

Please provide the following information for all of the company's current gas supply and storage contracts in a tabular form.

- (a) name of supplier or storage facility
- (b) length of contract, indicating starting and expiration dates
- (c) total volume and Maximum Daily Quantity ("MDQ")
- (d) pricing terms
- (e) delivery points

Gas Supply

Response:

- (a) Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C.
- (b) 11/1/2000 through 10/31/2005
- (c) 518 MMBTu daily base load
1,000 MMBTu peaking supply daily November –March
- (d) Base Load priced at Index Price for deliveries into Tennessee Gas Pipeline in Louisiana and off-shore (Zone 1) plus ____ per MMBTu

Peaking Supply is currently priced at a fixed price delivered to city-gate. Price is below current NYMEX price without transportation.

- (e) Blackstone/Bellingham city-gate
- (f) terms of contract, e.g., whether evergreen
the contract extends from year to year unless cancelled by six month notice by either party.

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Storage

- (a) Tennessee Gas Pipeline – Contract # 472
- (b) Through November 1, 2005 with automatic five year extension
- (c) 16,647 Dth 111 Dth
- (d) FERC tariff
- (e) TGP Ellisburg, PA
- (f) Evergreen; unless Blackstone provides one year's written notice (by 11/1/04).

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Question:
DTE-1-LDC-2

Please provide the following information for all current transportation contracts in a tabular form.

- (a) length of contract, indicating starting and expiration dates
- (b) total volume and Maximum Daily Quantity ("MDQ")
- (c) pricing terms
- (d) terms of contract, e.g., whether evergreen
- (e) name of interstate pipeline

Response:

- (a) Contract # 2506 – 9/1/93 – 11/1/05
- (b) 408 Dth – 365 days per year
- (c) FERC Tariff – Schedule FT-GS
- (d) through November 1, 2005 with an automatic five year extension unless Blackstone provides one year's written notice (by 11/1/04).
- (e) Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company

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Question:

DTE-1-LDC-3

Please provide the following information for all of the Company's
asset/portfolio management contracts in a tabular form.

- (a) name of asset/portfolio manager
Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C. is the agent for
Blackstone Gas Company to manage the transportation/storage
contracts with Tennessee Gas Pipeline in conjunction with its sale
of gas supply as outlined in the response to DTE-1-LDC-1.
- (b) length of contract, indicating starting and expiration dates
- (c) total volume and Maximum Daily Quantity ("MDQ")
- (d) pricing terms

Response:

- (a) Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C. is the agent for
Blackstone Gas Company to manage the transportation/storage
contracts with Tennessee Gas Pipeline in conjunction with its sale
of gas supply as outlined in the response to DTE-1-LDC-1.
- (b) 11/1/2000 through 10/31/2005
- (c) 518 MMBTu daily base load; plus
1,000 MMBtu peaking supply daily November –March
- (d) Base Load priced at Index Price for deliveries into Tennessee Gas
Pipeline in Louisiana and off-shore (Zone 1) plus ____ per
MMBTu

Peaking Supply is currently priced at a fixed price delivered to city-
gate. Price is below current NYMEX price without transportation.

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Question:	
DTE-1-LDC-4	Please discuss and fully support your answer with respect to the reduction in the number of marketers since 1999 up to day. Is it because consumers decide to migrate back to the LDC or is it because marketers leave the system and as a result, customers have to go back to default service?
Response:	Not applicable

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Question:
DTE-1-LDC-5 Please provide information on transportation service for the period 1996-
present on a seasonal basis (heating and non-heating seasons) as it is
depicted in attached Table 1: "Transportation Service"

Response: None

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Question:	
DTE-1-LDC-6	Please provide information on reverse migration experienced by the Company during the period 1996-present on a seasonal basis (heating and non-heating seasons) as depicted in Table 2: "Reverse Migration"
Response:	None

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Question:
DTE-1-LDC-7 Please provide information on marketers serving the Company's service territory during the period 1996-present on a seasonal basis (heating and non-heating seasons) as depicted in Table 3: "Active Marketers"

Response: None

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Question:	
DTE-1-LDC-8	Please compute the median time period of marketers, serving the Company' service territory, during the period 1996 to present.
Response:	Not Applicable

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Question:
DTE-1-LDC-9 Describe all activities directed to both consumers and marketers that the
Company undertook to facilitate the transition to a competitive market
since the 1999 Unbundling order issued by the Department.

Response: The Company has responded to a single marketer inquiry.

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Question:

DTE-1-LDC-10

Please provide the following information for the period January 2003 through December 2003:

- (a) the Company's peak day load to serve both firm sales and firm transportation customers;
- (b) volume (in MMBTu) and percentage of peak day load to serve firm transportation customers over the Company's peak day load (obtained in part a);
- (c) volume (in MMBTu) and percentage of the Company's peak day load (obtained in Part A) that would come up for renewal over the next five years;
- (d) incremental capacity needs (in MMBtu) anticipated by the Company for the next five years;
- (e) compute the sum of volume obtained in parts C and D above and compute the percentage of the resulting volume with respect to the Company's 2003 peak day load.

Response:

- (a) Blackstone Peak Day Load: 965 MMBtu
- (b) Blackstone has zero transportation load
- (c) 100% - The Company has an all requirements supply contract that comes up for renewal within the next 5 years.
- (d) The Company estimates incremental capacity needs of 65 MMBtu over the next 5 years.
- (e) 1,005 MMBtu or 104% of 2003 peak day load.

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Question:
DTE-1-LDC-11 Please provide information on switching activities (transfers from
marketer to marketer) for the period 1996-present on a seasonal basis
(heating and non-heating seasons) as it is depicted in attached Table 4:
"Switching Activity"

Response: not applicable

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Question:	
DTE-1-LDC-12	Please provide information on gas and capacity costs for the period 1996-present on a seasonal basis (heating and non-heating seasons) as it is depicted in attached Table 5: "Gas and Capacity Costs"
Response:	see attachment

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Question:
DTE-1-LDC-13

Some market participants propose that LDCs should calculate and release a baseload level of capacity associated with the marketer's load for a year, and only execute monthly recalls and re-releases of incremental levels of capacity, "baseload method of assignment." According to the marketers, this proposed practice will benefit customers and will improve efficiencies for both the LDCs and marketers. In this regard, please:

- (a) discuss whether you would agree with marketers in terms of improved efficiencies and benefits for customers;
- (b) discuss the potential pros and cons of the base method of assignment respect to the current method of monthly releases and recalls in place.

Response: Not applicable to Blackstone Gas Company as it cannot release capacity under its transportation contract.

ANDY, TO BE INSERTED WHERE IT BELONGS – THE ONLY PROBLEM IS I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS BELONGS AS THE DRAFT HAS NO MARKING TO SAY WHERE YOU WANT IT – IF IT IS SUPPOSED TO GO WITH DTE-1-LDC-10 – THIS LDC ONLY GOES FROM A TO E (NOT F)

ALSO, IN THIS DOCUMENT PLEASE LOOK AT DTE-1-LDC-3 – YOUR DRAFT SAYS TO SEE (b), (c) AND (d) OF DTE-1-LDC-1

Question:

DTE-1-LDC-[_____]

- (a) name of storage facility.
- (b) Length of contract
- (c) Volume – MDQ
- (d) Pricing Terms
- (e) Delivery Point
- (f) Terms of Contract, evergreen

Response: